

Billment in Baltimore-town and its precincts, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Owings and Mr. Hollingsworth, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Andrew Stoop, a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Fitzhugh, to consider and report thereon.

A letter from the naval officer of the 4th district, of the 28th of November, enclosing a summary account of the imports and exports from 1782 to the 15th of November, 1786, was laid before the house and read.

The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Brice, James Hindman, John Kilty and John Davidson, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon RESOLVED, That Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Brice, James Hindman, John Kilty and John Davidson, Esquires, be and are hereby declared to be the council to the governor.

The order of the day is postponed for consideration till to-morrow morning.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, December 2, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of Thomas Lane Emory and Thomas Carradine, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. De Butts and Mr. T. Johnson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Norman Bruce, of Frederick county, setting forth, that a certain Thomas Welsh sold sundry parcels of land lying near Middle-town, for the conveyance of which he passed his obligation, and received bonds from several persons for the purchase money; that said Welsh has left this state, and being indebted to him, assigned the bonds aforesaid; and praying a law may pass to enable him to convey the lands aforesaid to the different persons, or their legal representatives, and to recover the money due on said bonds; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Faw and Mr. Stull, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Digges appeared in the house. Mr. Miller has leave of absence till Thursday next. Mr. Holmes has leave of absence till Monday week next. Mr. Nicholls has leave of absence till Wednesday next.

A petition from Thomas Woolford, executor of James Woolford, deceased, collector of the tax of Dorchester county for the year 1780, setting forth, that a great number of balances are due the estate of the said deceased, and praying a law may pass to enable him to collect the said balances in the same manner that all other taxes are now by law collected; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pattison, Mr. Robert Bowie, Mr. Taney, Mr. Steele and Mr. Dent, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Taylor, do report, that the facts set forth in the said petition are agreeable to truth, and are of opinion, that the orphans court of Charles county ought to be empowered to draw on the treasurer in favour of the said James Taylor, for the provision allowed to maimed soldiers, to commence from the first of October, 1786. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the order of the day, and after some time spent therein, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill for an emission of paper on loan? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. R. Bowie, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Miller,	Fitzhugh,	Shaw,	Paca,	Henry,	Funk,
	J. Johnson,	Grahame,	R. Bond,	John Seney,	Norris,	Stull,
	Wright,	Gantt,	Brayard,	Joshua Seney,	J. Bond,	Burgefs,
	Harwood,	Owings,	F. Bowie,	Jackson,	Love,	Oneale,
	N. Worthington,	Cockey,	R. Bowie,	P. Mitchell,	Hardcastle,	Holmes,
	Chase,	Ridgely,	Digges,	Purnell,	M'Mechen,	Nicholls. 41.
	Taney,	Gibson,	Quynn,	J. Mitchell,	Cellars,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	De Butts,	Dent,	Stevens,	Steele,	Mantz,	Loockerman,
	Forrest,	Turner,	Stewart,	Matthews,	T. Johnson,	Walker,
	Hopewell,	M'Pherson,	Hooper,	Jenings,	Bayly,	Hollingsworth,
	B. Worthington,	Sherwood,	Pattison,			21.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Paca, Mr. Chase, Mr. Wright, Mr. Joshua Seney and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the relief of John Briscoe, and the second supplement to the act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack, were sent to the senate by Mr. F. Bowie.

Mr.